2014 NVDRS Implementation Manual

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Appendix A

Sample Letter of Invitation to Stakeholder Meetings

Date	
Name Title Agency Address City, State, Zip Code	Sample
Dear:	
The State Health Department Name is particip System (NVDRS), with data collection occurring invite you or a representative of your agency to state reporting system.	g at the state and local level. I would like to
The goal of this system is to capture information. The information gathered in this system will be violence prevention groups and policy makers in violence here in (state).	able to inform police, public health officials,
To facilitate the development of the NVDRS, as meeting will be held on (date and time) and will	
The meeting will focus on the technical aspects system. Meeting attendees will include individual conducting injury reporting systems as well as p provide the needed data (coroners/medical example crime laboratories).	als/organizations with experience in persons representing organizations that can
Please contact (name) at the State Health Deparaddress) if you or someone from your agency at consideration, support and assistance.	
Sincerely,	

Appendix B

Sample Mission Statements

Sample # 1:

The (reporting system) is dedicated to the reduction of violent injuries and deaths.

The (reporting system) provides comprehensive, objective, and accurate information (data) regarding violence-related morbidity and mortality.

The (reporting system) collaborates with policy makers, community-based organizations and agencies, and with individuals at local, regional and national levels to support effective prevention strategies.

Sample # 2:

Our Mission is to:

Increase scientific understanding of violent injury through research

Translate research findings into prevention strategies

Disseminate knowledge of violent injury and prevention to professionals and the public

Appendix C

Sample Letter of Invitation for Advisory Board Members

Date	
Name Title	Sample
Agency Address City, State, Zip Code	
Dear :	
System (NVDRS), with data collection of	participating in the National Violent Death Reporting scurring at the state and local level. I would like to acy to participate on an advisory board for this state
The information gathered in this system w	mation from multiple sources on all violent deaths. vill be able to inform police, public health officials, kers in our community about the best ways to reduce
	RS, an advisory board is being established. The ings will be held on (days) (morning/afternoon)
system. The board will be made up of ind injury reporting systems as well as person	ects of developing and implementing the reporting ividuals/organizations with experience in conducting s representing organizations that can provide the law enforcement, vital records, and crime
	Department at (phone number and e-mail ency would be able to serve on the advisory board. t and assistance.
Sincerely,	

Appendix D

Suggested List of Advisory Board Members

Academic Departments

- Biostatistics
- Criminal Justice
- Development
- Epidemiology
- Psychology
- Rehabilitation & Disability

American College of Emergency Physicians

Anti-Violence Advocates

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms

Child Fatality Review Committee

City Health Departments

 Health Educator/Health Commissioner

Community Groups

• Youth Service Organizations

Coroner/Medical Examiner Association (C/ME)

- State or local C/ME
- Toxicologist

Department of Justice (or equivalent)

Department of Natural Resources

• Hunter Safety Coordinator

Domestic Violence Service or Prevention Organizations

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency Nursing Association

Faith Community

Federal and State Prosecutors

Fire and Police Commission

Firearm Owners/Shooters Association

 National Rifle Association state affiliate

Hospital/Trauma Center

- ED Nurse/Physician
- Trauma Nurse/Physician

Local Business

Local or State Politicians

Police/Sheriff Department

 Police Management/Data/ Research

Professional Law Enforcement Associations

Police Chiefs' Association

State Crime Laboratory

• Firearm/Toolmark Examiners

State Public Health Association

Suicide Prevention Organization

Vital Records/Statistics

Appendix E

Sample Summary Elements for an IRB Protocol

Introduction: Statement of hypotheses, aims and objectives

Sample Language:

The program of ongoing surveillance and reporting described in this summary protocol does not involve clinical research, but does involve the observation of human behavior recorded in such a manner that human subjects are necessarily identified both directly and through identifiers linked to the subject. Subjects include injury victims as well as perpetrators and, depending upon the circumstances of the event, may include identification of relatives and acquaintances of injury victims and perpetrators. The observations of human subjects, if they became known outside the program, could reasonably place some subjects at risk of liability or be damaging to their financial standing or employment. Further, the research and analysis contemplated here may deal with sensitive aspects of a subject's own behavior such as violent or illegal conduct and drug or alcohol use. See, 45 CFR Section 46.101. While basic injury surveillance is not considered human subjects research by the CDC, these linked data sets and analyses conducted with information collected in this project may be deemed human subjects research by institutional review boards.

Funding sources

Duration of funding

Anticipated duration of project (may be different than the duration of current funding)

Need for the project/program and potential benefits

Sample Language:

The purposes for collecting and maintaining accurate and complete information about violent and intentional injuries including all firearm injuries are to assist in the development and evaluation of policies and strategies designed to reduce injuries and deaths.

Each year over 57,000 violent deaths occur in the United States. Violence-related death and injuries cost the U.S. \$107 billion in medical care and lost productivity. Tragically more than 40,000 people die by suicide in the United States each year. Homicide claims over 17,000 people in this country annually. Violence is preventable and we know these numbers can be reduced.

While progress has been made to further our understanding of intentional injuries, little is known about emerging trends and characteristics of these events either nationally or within states or communities. Important questions either cannot be answered, or resources are not in place to shed light on this important public health problem, so that effective prevention strategies can be developed, tested and evaluated. This project links information regarding intentional injuries that

when analyzed may yield critical information for the development and evaluation of violence prevention programs.

Risk to human subjects

Sample Language:

The right of individuals to privacy creates a duty to protect confidentiality to assure that neither identifying information nor records are disclosed without authorization. This includes the risks associated with potential unauthorized disclosure of identifying information (i.e., unauthorized disclosure of privileged communications, release of mental health records, release or modification of electronic records, etc.) including the risk of state and federal privacy law violations.

Unauthorized disclosure or disclosure of information in violation of law or policy by any employee, intern, contractor or associated researcher will be subject to disciplinary action and will be reported to the appropriate employment, academic, or professional authority. Volunteers shall be apprised of these policies and execute an agreement subjecting them to these conditions. In the event that this project receives a request, subpoena or order from any governmental body for production of information or records that may include information identifying or tending to identify individuals, legal counsel will be consulted immediately.

In addition, the method for protecting confidential information should also be addressed. Though the purpose of a reporting system is to collect and make available comprehensive information, the collection and maintenance of linked, identifiable information, especially in an electronic database, creates a duty to preserve such information from disclosure, destruction, or corruption.

Request for exemption or expedited review

Sample Language:

Other than the risks involved in unauthorized public disclosure, human subjects are not at risk of intrusive injury or other physical harm or disease as a result of this proposed surveillance, interpretation and analysis. Therefore, this summary of protocol is eligible for an expedited review.

Description of data elements

This may include or be the same as the Uniform Data Elements¹³ (which includes the data elements and the corresponding data providers). This may also be accomplished by attaching a data collection form. Additional data elements should be noted as well.

Participation in the NVDRS

A description of how information will be shared with researchers and the NVDRS should be included (see section on Privacy Protection and Information Policies).

Appendix F

Open Records Request

Date Name Title Agency Address City, State, Zip Code	Sample
Dear:	
I am writing to request records under the (State) Open F Statutes.	Records Law, Sec XXXX (State)
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I am with the State Health Department. This information database of violent deaths (homicide, suicide, unintention undetermined intent) for (state/location). Personal iden I understand there may be a fee for each page of the most efficient way to submit this payment. I appreciately you have any questions, I can be reached at (phone request be denied, I request that such denial be made XXXX, (State) Statutes.	onal firearm deaths and deaths of tifiers are maintained confidentially. eport copied. Please advise me on the te your assistance with this request. If number). Should any portion of this
Cordially,	

Appendix G

Letter for Contacting Data Providers

Date Sample Name Title Agency Address City, State, Zip Code Dear Data Provider: I am writing to let you know about a statewide initiative to assemble data on homicides, suicides, and other violent deaths that occur in our state. The data can be used to track the magnitude, trends, and characteristics of violent deaths in order to inform the development and implementation of violence prevention strategies, which will ultimately save lives. I would like to meet with you to get your perspective on this and to ask your assistance. I am looking to put in place a Violent Death Reporting System (VDRS) that collects comprehensive data for use in planning and evaluating policies aimed at preventing injuries and fatalities. Likewise, the VDRS will coordinate, collect and analyze data from data sources such as vital records, medical examiners/coroners, law enforcement, and crime laboratories. Our efforts are funded through a cooperative agreement with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. I will be contacting you by phone to follow-up. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (phone number). Thank you for your consideration in this important and timely project. Sincerely,

Appendix H

U.S. Standard Certificate of Death

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Appendix I

Supplementary Homicide Report

SUPPLEMENTARY HOMICIDE REPORT

1-704 (Rev. 1-12-11) OMB No. 1110-0002 Expires 8-31-17

This report is authorized by law Title 28, Section 534, U.S. Code. While you are not required to respond, your cooperation in using this form to list data pertaining to all homicides reported on your Return A will assist the FBI in compiling comprehensive, accurate data regarding this important classification on a timely basis. Any questions regarding this report may be addressed to the FBI, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Attention: Uniform Crime Reports/Module E-3, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306; telephone 304-625-4830, facsimile 304-625-3566. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act, you are not required to complete this form unless it contains a valid OMB control number. The form takes approximately 9 minutes to complete.

1a. Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter

List below for each category specific information for each murder and nonnegligent homicide and/or justifiable homicide shown in item 1a of the monthly Return A. In addition, for justifiable homicide list all justifiable killings of felons by a citizen or by a peace officer in the line of duty. A brief explanation in the circumstances column regarding unfounded homicide offenses will aid the national Uniform Crime Reporting Program in editing the reports.

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SUPPLEMENTARY HOMICIDE REPORT (Continued)

1b. Manslaughter by Negligence

Do not list traffic fatalities, accidental deaths, or death due to the negligence of the victim. List below all other negligent manslaughters, regardless of prosecutive action taken.

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 - B Single Victim/Unknown Offender or Offenders
 - C Single Victim/Multiple Offenders

- D Multiple Victims/Single Offender
- E Multiple Victims/Multiple Offenders
- F Multiple Victims/Unknown Offender or Offenders

Use only one victim/offender situation code per set of information. The utilization of a new code will signify the beginning of a new murder situation.

- ** Age - 01 to 99. If 100 or older use 99. New born up to one week old use NB. If over one week, but less than one year old use BB. Use two characters only in age column.
 - Sex - M for Male and F for Female. Use one character only.
 - Race White W, Black or African American B, American Indian or Alaska Native I, Asian A, Native Hawaiin or Other Pacific Islander P, Unknown U. Use only these as race designations.
 - Ethnicity Hispanic or Latino H, Not Hispanic or Latino N, Unknown U.

Appendix J

National Incident Based Reporting System Form

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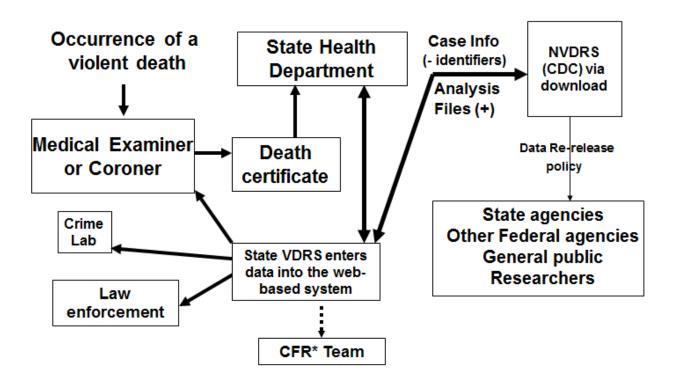
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